



## Food Security Specialist, Monitoring & Evaluation Support Project (MESP), South Sudan

### Company Profile:

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### Project Summary:

The Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project (MESP) provides USAID/South Sudan with flexible and demand-driven technical, analytic, advisory, training, monitoring, evaluation, and related support services for performance measurement. The project includes monitoring and evaluation technical support to the Mission for performance management at all levels as well as support to assessments, analytical research, and related services required for new project designs, sector strategies, and broader strategic revisions.

**\*\*Please note: Only people authorized to work in South Sudan are eligible for this position\*\***

### Position Summary:

The Food Security Specialist will provide technical advice, assistance, and guidance to the USAID program office, technical teams and implementing partners on issues related to food security and livelihoods. The Food Security Specialist will play a significant role in verifying activities under the USAID/Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (BHA) South Sudan portfolio. The Food Security Specialist will also play an integral role in the drafting, editing and overall quality control of Third-Party Monitoring reports, studies, and other MESP reporting deliverables related to Food Security and Livelihoods. The position reports directly to the deputy chief of party (DCOP). This is a Short-Term Technical Assistance (STTA) position based in Juba, South Sudan.

### Responsibilities:

- Provide technical guidance on program implementation through monitoring visits in accordance with BHA requirements.
- Advise BHA and Implementing Partners on all technical aspects of food security, ensuring an effective approach to achieving milestones and suggest ways to improve performance.
- Liaise with the Implementing Partners to schedule site visits and access monitoring reports.
- Conduct monitoring visits to determine the extent to which BHA Implementing Partners have due diligence procedures in place.
- Support and provide oversight on data collection, compile reports on performance, and convene adaptive learning sessions with the Mission as required.
- Make recommendations to address food security concerns and inform the BHA strategy for future emergency interventions in food insecure regions of South Sudan.



- Conduct Data Quality Assessments to verify the accuracy of data and needs assessments reported by implementing partners and other organizations.
- Build capacity of Community Monitors on monitoring and reporting food security activities implemented by BHA implementing partners.
- Provide day to day operational and program support to all food security monitoring activities including managing budget resources evaluation and monitoring visits as well as assist and support the team with field logistics and meeting arrangements.
- Work with Community Monitors to review and provide technical information and consolidate reports from field monitors into succinct technical narrative reports.
- Ensure that technical narrative reports have graphic enhancements.
- Support the development of tools to further disseminate findings, conclusions and recommendations in a format that is user-friendly and suitable for collaboration, learning and adaptation.

#### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required, advanced degree preferred, in a field relevant to Food Security and Food Aid program management, such as agriculture and international development.
- Minimum of three years of experience in food security and monitoring and evaluation.
- Writing/organization skills and a demonstrated ability to deliver written products.
- Experience using computer/data analysis software including Microsoft office suite, Adobe Creative Suite, and database management systems preferred.
- Household-level food security analysis skills or experience with the Household Economy Approach preferred.
- Have demonstrated experience with emergency response, and disaster mitigation programming, vulnerable group feeding and/or food for asset methodologies.
- Experience in conducting evaluations or surveys in livelihoods and food security; experience on past BHA evaluations or surveys is a plus.
- Knowledge of the social, political, and economic factors affecting the livelihoods and food security of rural populations in South Sudan.
- Language capability relevant to conducting interviews with the ethnic groups targeted by the activities of the project.
- Experience in recovery and disaster mitigation in post-conflict settings.
- Proven technical and management skills to manage the budget resources (dollars and staff) for the field monitoring visits as well as assist and support the team with field logistics and meeting arrangements.
- Experience in carrying out field work in South Sudan preferred.
- Interpersonal skills, including the ability to work with field-based local staff via telephone and e-mail, required.
- Written and oral fluency in English required.

Only candidates who have been selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

MSI is an EEO/AA/ADA Veterans Employer.

Closing Date: June 25, 2021 at 4:00PM

Please note that due to the urgency of the position, CVs will be immediately reviewed on a rolling basis.

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